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TO THE OWNERS OF THE NEGRO NATIONAL LEAGUE

Dear Sir:

I am sending this notice to every Negro National owner to explain the current status of the Pittsburgh Crawfords and at the same time answer the numerous rumors regarding their position for operation this coming season.

Please be advised that I have been in communication with Gus Greenlee ever since our last meeting, and during this time he has exhausted every possible means trying to formulate plans which would enable him to operate the Crawfords.

I just received his last letter this week in which he states that because of the financial problems facing him at present, the only remaining chance for organizing the Club would be thru assistance from the various League owners. This represents his final and only alternative; and without which he sees no other out then to withdraw.

We no doubt all realize the value of the Pittsburgh Crawfords as an attraction and debt of gratitude which we owe Gus Greenlee for his efforts in organizing the League and lending his untiring assistance throughout the years, and feel that some plan should be setup which would permit him to continue his affiliation and at the same time balance our six team circuit.

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I, therefore, want to take this means to suggest a procedure to help solve the immediate obstacle. My idea is for every owner to advance Gus Greenlee \$200, for a total of \$1,000, which would provide a workable sum for him to get started. This money can then be paid back when the Crawfords make their first appearance at each park, or if that isn't sufficient, the second time around.

With time getting very short, I'd certainly appreciate your reaction at once to this proposal so that definite action can be taken one way or the other.

Many thanks and best regards.

Sincerely,

Edward Gottlieb

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